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RE: SR 162 Puyallup River (McMillin) Bridge Replacement Project
Section 106 Consultation

Dear Mr. Krier:

I am writing in response to your letter dated Sept. 21, 2010. You requested information regarding the involvement of the SHPO in the subject project. The SHPO is being provided copies of all the same project documents and correspondence that the other consulting parties have access to. As the lead federal agency, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers sent their determination of adverse effect for the project to the SHPO on May 17, 2010. To date, the SHPO has not commented on this determination or on the alternatives presented by WSDOT. I do not know when to expect to hear the views of the SHPO regarding the physical destruction of the bridge.

Regarding your question concerning public involvement and the steps taken to provide the public with information about the historic significance of the bridge: one news article was published in the Puyallup Herald on August 4, 2010. We are currently working with our public relations office to issue a news release with information about the historic significance of the bridge and with contact information so that the public can provide comments. We are also working to schedule a public presentation by Craig Holstine about the bridge's significance. We will keep you informed about these efforts as they move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Kiers'.

Roger Kiers
WSDOT Cultural Resources Specialist

cc: Allyson Brooks, SHPO